

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 System and methods for locating a computer user are described wherein the
3 computer either periodically updates a network server with its location, or updates
4 the network server when asked by the server to do so. The network server can be a
5 mobile computer. The user's computer determines its physical location using a
6 location tracker service and then transmits this location information to the server,
7 which stores it in its memory. The information stored includes the physical
8 location of the computer, the time when the location was identified, a name
9 identifying the user of the computer, and an indicator, which indicates whether or
10 not the user was active on the computer during a specified time interval prior to
11 the transmission. The location of the user is deemed to be the last known location
12 of the computer used by the user. If the user is logged onto more than one
13 computer, the location of the user is deemed to be the last known location of the
14 computer that indicates the user as being active.